

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

River Ridge Elementary School
Spartanburg 5 School District
Grades: PK-4 Enrollment: 687
Principal: Dr. Glenda P. Bigby
Superintendent: Dr. Scott Turner
Board Chair: Mr. Steve Brockman

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	A	N/A
2011	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	Gold	N/A	Met	N/A

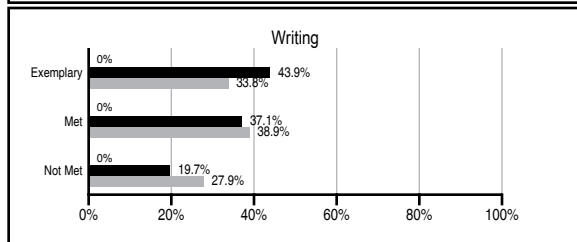
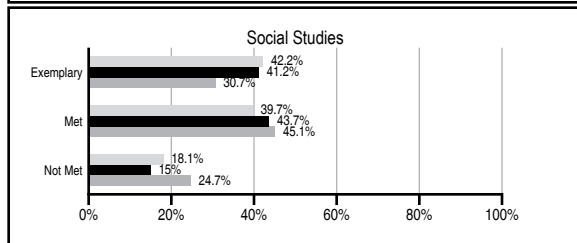
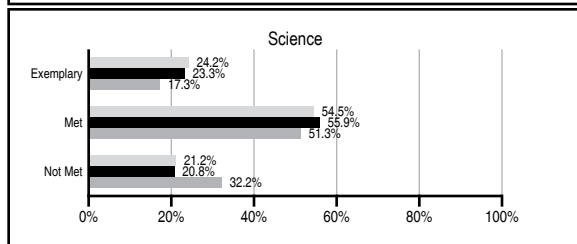
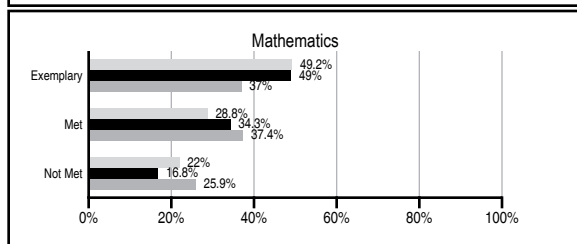
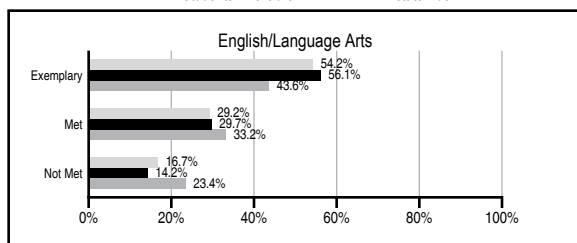
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
45	15	3	1	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

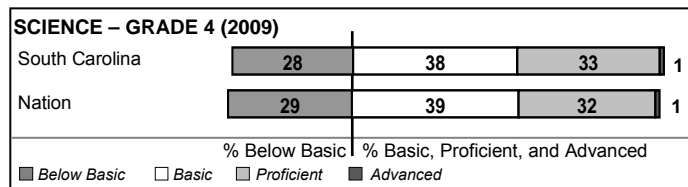
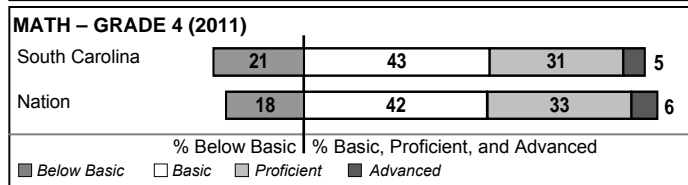
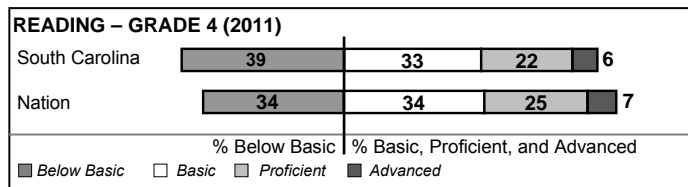
PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

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River Ridge Elementary School [Spartanburg 5 School District]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=687)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Up from 1.6%	0.9%	1.0%
Attendance rate	97.2%	Up from 96.7%	97.0%	96.6%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=47)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	61.7%	No Change	62.1%	63.0%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	97.0%	Up from 88.5%	90.1%	88.7%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.1%	95.2%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,953	Up 3.8%	\$48,227	\$47,210
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	13.9 days	Up from 8.4 days	9.6 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.3 to 1	Down from 18.6 to 1	20.8 to 1	20.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	92.5%	Up from 91.0%	91.5%	90.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	97.5%	Down from 100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,883	Down 4.1%	\$6,751	\$7,247
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	75.5%	Up from 71.8%	69.3%	68.2%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	73.8%	Up from 70.0%	67.5%	65.7%
ESEA composite index score	97.0	N/A	97.1	91.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	42	142	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	88.0%	92.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2%	83.1%	89.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	91.5%	92.4%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

River Ridge Elementary School, located in one of Spartanburg County's fastest growing areas, houses 700 students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade. The faculty and staff of eighty serve our students in a state of the art facility. It is our belief that we are all stakeholders in the educational lives of every student. Through innovative and challenging educational experiences, we strive to meet the individual needs of all students.

This year our school currently implements the Learning-Focused Schools initiative. This exciting school reform model provides greater focus on standards and curriculum for both teachers and students. Students learn reading through a balanced literacy approach which includes the use of Guided Reading, Write from the Beginning, and Thinking Maps. We continue to integrate the South Carolina math standards with the SC Math Program in our math instruction. Science standards are addressed through exciting hands-on activities involving the use of grade-level science tubs during classroom instruction.

Opportunities for students are abundant at River Ridge Elementary School. Our Preschool Program involves three, four, and five year old students. In grades one through four, additional programs available include: ESOL, Reading Intervention Program, REACH (Our Gifted/Talented Program), Creations (Our Gifted Art Program), PALS (Our Character Education Program), and Accelerated Reading. Students also have access to computers in labs and in classrooms and the use of digital cameras, video cameras, scanners, SMART boards, IPADS, and Interwrite boards/projectors.

Student leadership is encouraged through participation in Student Council, Panda Patrol, school store workers, flag helpers, and The Morning News Show Crew.

We are grateful for our continuing partnership with our PTO and the following local businesses: Papa Johns, Publix, Zaxby's, McDonalds, Sonic, and Ingles. Students serve the school community through a variety of service learning projects such as Project HOPE, class adoption of residents from a local boarding home, Jump Rope for Heart, Pennies for Pasta for leukemia, March of Dimes, and Relay for Life.

River Ridge Elementary School has been recognized for the following awards: Palmetto Gold Award, Palmetto Silver Award, Exemplary Writing School, Red Carpet School, Healthy Schools, Closing the Gap and Schools of Promise.

Through these combined efforts, we will continue to provide all students at River Ridge Elementary School with the best educational opportunities possible.

Glenda Bigby, Principal
Shannon Wiley, SIC Chair

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